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EXDIS WHITE HOUSE PASS TO EAGLEBURGER FOR SEC KISSINGER

FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 5680 ACTION SECSTATE CAIRO DTD 18 AUG

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S E C R E T TEL AVIV 5680

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, IS, EG
SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION IN GULF OF SUEZ

1. MFA (RAVIV) CALLED AUGUST 18 (8:00 P.M.) TO SAY THAT GOI AFTER CAREFUL PLOTTING OF COORDINATES SUPPLIED BY USG, CONCLUDES THAT SITE 391 IS WEST OF MEDIAN LINE AND THUS POSES NO PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, SITE 304-1 IS " EAST OF MEDIAN LINE AND IN FACT EAST OF RAMADAN FIELD,

WHICH IS ITSELF HALF ON EASTERN SIDE OF LINE. GOI, THEREFORE, ASKS THAT SHIP NOT PROCEED TO SITE 304-1".

2. WE POINTED OUT, AS WE HAVE DONE BEFORE, THAT USG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT RECOGINZE MEDIAN LINE CONCEPT. WE HAD SIMPLY TOLD GOI OF AMOCO'S PROPOSED DRILLING OPERATION AND EXPECTED ISRAELIS NOT TO
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INTERFERE WITH THIS AMERICAN SHIP'S WORK. RAVIV REPLIED THAT

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ISRAELI POSITION GOES BACK TO 1967 AND, UNTIL A SETTLEMENT
IS REACHED, GOI CONSIDERS MEDIAN LINE TO BE AS GOOD AS ANY. HE
REPEATED REQUEST THAT SHIP NOT ENTER AREA 304-1 AND ASKED THAT
AMOCO BE SO ADVISED.
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